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Re: New U.S. Patent Application
Title: Novel Cell Systems Having Specific
Interaction of Peptide Binding Pairs
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Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-referenced patent application:

1. Application - 84 pages, including 5 independent claims and 69 claims total; and
2. Drawings - 12 sheets of informal drawings (Figures 1-11).

Applicants claim the right to priority under 35 U.S.C. § 120 to application Serial No. 09/305,483, filed May 9, 1999, which is a continuation of application Serial No. 08/259,609, filed June 14, 1994, now U.S. Patent No. 5,989,808, each of which is incorporated by reference in the present application.

This application is being filed under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(f). Applicants await notification from the Patent and Trademark Office of the time set for filing the Declaration and paying the filing fee.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional filing fees due and any other fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17 during the pendency of this application to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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